

**15<sup>th</sup> Annual Health Economics Conference  
Lister Hill Center for Health Policy  
University of Alabama at Birmingham**

**Birmingham Botanical Gardens  
Ireland Room  
April 25-26, 2004**

**Sunday, April 25, 2004**

**11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Light Brunch, Ireland Room

**12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Session I**

**Welcome**

Michael Morrissey, University of Alabama at Birmingham

**Session Presider**

Vivian Ho, University of Alabama at Birmingham

**12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**“Quality and Consumer Choice in Healthcare: Evidence from Kidney Transplantation”**

David H. Howard, Emory University

Presenter: David Howard

Discussant: Dennis Scanlon, Penn State University

**1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**“Estimating the Effect of Individual Time Preference On the Demand for Preventive Health Care”**

David Bradford, Gerard Silvestri and James Zoller, Medical University of South Carolina

Presenter: David Bradford

Discussant: Bisakha Sen, University of Alabama at Birmingham

**2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Break**

**2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**  
**Session II**

**Session Presider:** Meredith Kilgore, University of Alabama at Birmingham

**2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**  
**“The Incidence of the Health Care Costs of Obesity”**  
Jay Bhattacharya and M. Kate Bundorf, Stanford University

**Presenter:** Kate Bundorf  
**Discussant:** Kathleen Carey, Boston University and VA Management Science Group

**3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**  
**“Provider Networks and Primary Care Signups: Do They Restrict the Use of Medical Services?”**  
Partha Deb, Hunter College and NBER and  
Pravin K. Trivedi, Indiana University

**Presenter:** Partha Deb  
**Discussant:** William Encinosa, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

**4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
Break

**5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**  
**“Does Managed Care Increase Crime? A Markov Model of Jail Transitions Under Managed Mental Health Care”**  
Edward C. Norton, Marisa E. Domino and Jangho Yoon, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill

**Presenter:** Edward Norton  
**Discussant:** Jody Sindelar, Yale University

**6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.**  
Reception, Birmingham Botanical Gardens

**7:30 – 9:30 p.m.**  
Dinner, Park Lane by Kathy G.

**Monday, April 25, 2004**

**8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Session III**

**Session Presider**

Stephen Mennemeyer, University of Alabama at Birmingham

**8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**

**“Payments, Promotion and the Purple Pill”**

David Ridley, Duke University

Presenter: David Ridley

Discussant: Robert Ohsfeldt, University of Iowa

**9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

**“Managed Care, Drug Benefits and Mortality: An Analysis of the Elderly”**

Gautam Gowrisankaran, Washington University in St. Louis and

Robert Town, University of Minnesota

Presenter: Gautam Gowrisankaran

Discussant: Pravin Trivedi, Indiana University

**10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

Break

**10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**“Prescription Drugs, Medical Care, and Health Outcomes: A Model of Elderly Health Dynamics”**

Zhou Yang, Michigan State University

Donna Gilleskie and Edward Norton, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill

Presenter: Zhou Yang

Discussant: Richard Hirth, University of Michigan

**11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**“HIV Breakthroughs and Risky Sexual Behavior”**

Dana Goldman, Jean-Jacques Laffont, Darius Lakdawalla and Neeraj Sood, RAND

Presenter: Neeraj Sood

Discussant: Willard Manning, University of Chicago

**12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Lunch, Café De France, Birmingham Botanical Gardens

**2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Session IV**

**Session Presider**

Shailender Swaminathan, University of Alabama at Birmingham

**2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**“An Empirical Study of Factor Substitution: The U.S. Nursing Home Industry”**

John Cawley - Cornell University

David Grabowski, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Richard Hirth, University of Michigan

Presenter: David Grabowski

Discussant: Jim Burgess, Boston University and VA Management Science Group

**3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**“Do Nonprofit and For-profit Hospices Really Differ? An Analysis of the Hospice Industry”**

Richard Lindrooth, Medical University of South Carolina and

Burton Weisbrod, Northwestern University

Presenter: Richard Lindrooth

Discussant: Robert Town, University of Minnesota